

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
August 1, 2013**

**AMENDED IM 5176**

**TO:** County Social Service Directors  
Economic Assistance Policy Regional Representatives  
Economic Assistance Policy Quality Control Reviewers

**FROM:** Carol Cartledge, Director, Economic Assistance Policy

**SUBJECT:** Kinship Care Clothing Allowance Reimbursement - Initial and Special

**PROGRAMS:** TANF

**EFFECTIVE:** July 1, 2013

**RETENTION:** Until Manualized

**SECTIONS  
AFFECTED:** 400-19-140-20, TANF Kinship Care Supportive Services

**This IM is being amended to include a chart for the allowable rates for the special clothing allowance as the amounts now differ from the initial clothing allowance.**

Effective July 1, 2013, Children and Family Services PI 13-15 increased the amount allowed for initial and special clothing allowances for foster youth placed in family foster care, group and residential child care facilities to \$400 per year per child.

TANF Kinship Care Supportive Services provide reimbursement for clothing within the limits established by the department under the Foster Care Program. Therefore, effective July 1, 2013, the TANF Kinship Care Clothing Allowance Reimbursement will be increased to coincide with the Foster Care Increase.

The new allowable rates for the **initial** clothing allowance established under Family Foster Care are:

<b>Age of Child</b>	<b>Amount</b>
0 – 4 years	\$400 maximum per year per child
5 – 12 years	\$400 maximum per year per child
Ages 13 –18*	\$400 maximum per year per child

\*Age 18, a full-time student in a secondary school or a vocational or technical school that is equivalent to secondary school, before the end of the calendar month in which the student attains age 19, the student may reasonably be expected to complete the program of such school.

The new allowable rates for the **special** clothing allowance (should the need arise) established under Family Foster Care are:

<b>Age of Child</b>	<b>Amount</b>
0 – 4 years	\$250 maximum per year per child
5 – 12 years	\$325 maximum per year per child
Ages 13 –18*	\$400 maximum per year per child

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If you have questions, please contact your Regional Representative.